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Amendment

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To: House Bill No. 5144

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(As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A")

"An Act Concerning Federal Benefits In Automobile Accident Cases."

1 Strike subsections (a) and (b) of section 2 and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) Beginning January 1, 2001, and ending July 1,
4 2003, there shall be a low-cost automobile insurance pilot program for
5 the cities of Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury and Bridgeport in
6 accordance with sections 2 to 11, inclusive, of this act. As used in
7 sections 2 to 11, inclusive, of this act, "pilot program" means the low-
8 cost automobile insurance pilot program established pursuant to this
9 section; "plan" means the plan established by the Insurance
10 Commissioner pursuant to subsection (b) of this section; "policy" and
11 "low-cost policy" mean a low-cost automobile insurance policy made
12 available under the pilot program, and "assigned risk plan" means the
13 plan established under section 38a-329 of the general statutes.

14 (b) After consultation with insurance carriers authorized to issue

15 automobile liability insurance policies in this state, and after a public
16 hearing, the Insurance Commissioner shall establish and approve a
17 reasonable plan or plans to provide insurance coverage for applicants
18 who reside in the cities of Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury and
19 Bridgeport who qualify for the pilot program pursuant to sections 2 to
20 11, inclusive, of this act. Carriers shall participate to cover qualified
21 applicants. The commissioner shall administer the plan through the
22 assigned risk plan."

23 Strike subdivision (1) of section 4 and substitute the following in
24 lieu thereof:

25 "(1) The individual shall reside in Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury
26 or Bridgeport in a household with a gross annual household income
27 that does not exceed two hundred per cent of the federal poverty
28 level."

29 Strike subsection (f) of section 5 and substitute the following in lieu
30 thereof:

31 "(f) Each insurance company that issues an automobile policy in this
32 state and each certified producer shall inform an individual about the
33 coverage available under the pilot program if the individual (1)
34 inquires about a new automobile policy, and is not renewing a policy,
35 and the individual indicates that the individual resides in Hartford,
36 New Haven, Waterbury or Bridgeport, or (2) inquires about coverage
37 under the pilot program."